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sec. 10. That all acts now in force in the District of Columbia inconsistent with provisions of this act be, and the same hereby, repealed."

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**Copper-Plating Ships' Bottoms.**

The construction board of the Navy Department is considering the subject of copper-plating the bottom of warships. The board has the facts which have been obtained from a trial of the private steamer Alliance, which has copper plate over the iron bottom. The copper plate has worked very well with the Alliance, but the board is not sure that the result would be the same with warships. The matter will receive full consideration from the board before a definite conclusion is reached.

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**Testing a New Rifle.**

There was a private test at the navy yard yesterday of a new magazine rifle, the invention of S. M. McClane of Cleveland, Ohio. General Miles and other army officers were present and witnessed the test. The new gun uses compressed air to operate the magazine mechanism. It can be so arranged that one pull of the trigger empties the magazine, or it can be fired as slowly as desired, the automatic arrangement ejecting the empty shell, reloading and locking the piece. The test, on the whole,

was satisfactory.

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